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The President's Speech

A TASS report which constituted basis for news releases throughout entire Communist Bloc 360 words long.

General tone not unfriendly but omitted all appealing economic arguments for peace and disarmament. Only part quoted in any detail were the 5 specific armament limitation proposals. Fair to assume that any answer will concentrate on these proposals.

Claimed President ignored question of China and restoration of German unity under Potsdam Agreement.

Comment:

Soviet Bloc stereotype based on TASS communique but not ~~hostile~~ *intuitive*
Voroshilov in talking with Bohlen avoided comment, claiming had not read full text.

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General Orbit Comment:

- (1) Failed to meet Soviet bid half-way.
- (2) Wanted not peace but fruits of victory.
- (3) No change "liberating" Eastern Europe policy.
- (4) Reiterated program American Imperialism.

Legation Budapest reports strong impression Hungarian listeners -
Wept and prayed during reading translation.

Yugoslav comment most enthusiastic, ^{very} and generally favorable ⁱⁿ
West European Capitals except ^{British} ~~certain~~ labor leaders including Bevan -
demanding too much, conceding too little to the Soviet Union.

Middle East reaction favorable, particularly Egypt. This
speech and "Blood, Sweat and Tears" two greatest speeches of our
time (Egypt).

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Iranian press divided.

Press reaction India luke-warm. Government controlled
radio said U.S. as guilty as USSR and must prove by deeds as
well as Soviet. *But on second thought Gov't regretted
press comment*

Japanese reaction favorable.

Chinese Nationalists disappointed at failure mention Formosa.

*Pusan - Speech menaced an army
Ref. Korea*

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